

April 29 & 30, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter

To our friends, welcome again. To the visitor, it's great to have you here! To those looking for a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Savior, membership in His church and citizenship in His eternal kingdom.

Please follow the outline of worship you find in this bulletin. We will use the Gathering Rite "I Was Glad" on the handout card. Congregation sings the REFRAIN as indicated.

We have large print service binders available - please ask an usher for one.

Today's Hymns: #317, #489, #535

Gathering Rite for Worship: "I Was Glad" (see handout card)

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge our goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**

First Reading: Malachi 3:6-10

⁶"I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. ⁷Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty. "But you ask, 'How are we to return?'

⁸"Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings. ⁹You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the flood-gates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

Psalm 100 (pg 104)

Second Reading: I Corinthians 16:1-2

¹Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. ²On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

Hymn #317: "O Lord, We Praise You"

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:19-24

¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Hymn #489: "Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver"

Today's Sermon Theme: (based on I Corinthians 16:1-2

"First and Best!"

(Next week's readings: Philippians 4:14-20, Matthew 2:1-12)

Apostles Creed (See projection or page 19 in hymnal)

Offering

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Hymn #535: "Our Fathers' God in Years Long Gone"

Thank you to our Sunday organist, Jennifer Knutson & Monday pianist, Amibeth Olderman.

This week's schedule, God willing....

Sun: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / SS & Teen BC 9:20/ Adult BC 9:20 & 6:30pm
Pastor on WCUB at 9:00am - sponsored "In memory of Dale Umnus"

Mon: Worship 6:30 pm

Tue: Catechism Class 5:30pm / JLOG Staff Meeting 6:00pm

Wed/Thu: JLOG Picture Days AM

Wed: Pastor preaches @ First German 8:00am / Adult Bible Study 1:30 & 6:30pm

Sat: WSMA State for MLHS *1st students @ UWGB

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Kolar party in fellowship hall

Mon: Worship 6:30pm

Our May Newsletter & Calendar are in member boxes. Thank you to Lois Bergquist for publishing this monthly newsletter. Please stop and pick up your copy today.

Joyful
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Pastor's 'God's Word' message broadcast on WCUB at 9:00am this morning is sponsored by Gladys Umnus in loving memory of her husband, Dale. If you would like to sponsor an upcoming broadcasts for \$107 or would like more information, please call Ann or Heidi in the church office at 682-7377.

"Joyful Generosity" Adult Bible Study Series: Today's lesson is "Being thankful when special opportunities to give arise." This coming Wednesday and next Sunday is the final lesson in this series "Recognizing the blessings of God's grace in giving". **Every member is encouraged to attend.**

Spring Clean-Up Day has been rescheduled for May 19, starting at 8:00am. If you can help, please call the office 682-7377 or Scott Stubbe at 973-8915.

The May "OWLS" meeting is Tue, May 8 at St John's School, TR at 1:30pm.

MLC Wind Symphony Concert Tue, May 15, 7:00pm @ MLHS. Could you host a few students for the night? This would include feeding them breakfast Wed morning & getting them back to MLHS by 7:30am. MLHS is providing supper on Tue night for the students before the concert. If you are interested in donating some food that would be greatly appreciated. Please call MLHS with any questions. 920-682-0215.

MLHS Prism Concert & Art Show: Sat, May 19, in the MLHS Commons/Gym. There will be two shows: Art show at 3:00pm with the Concert at 4:00pm and another Art show at 6:00pm with the Concert at 7:00pm.

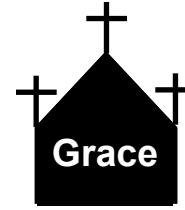
Check out our remodeled Parent's Room! It has been painted and has all new furniture. Thank you to Donna Langman and Kris Erdmann for picking out the furniture & to Thomas Fagan & son Dakota for painting. The old furniture is available (FREE!). Please call Ann or Heidi in the office before Mon, May 7 if you are interested - first come, first serve.

Request for donations of consumables: Donations of the following items can be put into the kitchen on the back counter:

Boxes of Kleenex (cube or rectangle)	Large rectangular divided plates/trays
Ziploc bags (sandwich, quart & gallon)	AA Batteries
White copy paper	Forever stamps

Our "Brothers Keeper" Account is Active. This account, made up of individual gifts and non-budget dollars, is used primarily to help member families in time of need. In a confidential way, the fund is used to help pay bills and other expenses connected to medical needs for those who are trying "to get back up on their feet." If you would like to contribute to this fund, just mark your gift "Brother's Keeper." The title of the fund comes from the account of Cain and Abel, when the Lord asked Cain about his brother's whereabouts, and Cain replied, "How should I know, am I my brother's keeper?" Yes we are.

Last Week's Attendance: Sunday: 8:00 #153, 10:45 #77 / Monday: #47 / Total = #277



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*"Every member
worship
and
Bible study!"*

**"He Lives... We Live...
We Live to Give"**

Week #4:
"First and Proportional"

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